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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed further to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000, the Response filed thereto on January 24, 2000, and the telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned Applicant's Representative on January 30, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 23 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A separation finger apparatus for removable insertion into a stream of web material issuing from a rotating roll, the separation finger apparatus comprising:

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